

N A R B E R T H R U R A L D I S T R I C T .ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR 1951.

To the Chairman and Members of the Council,

I beg to submit the Annual Report for the year 1951.

V I T A L S T A T I S T I C S

Resident Population (Registrar General's Estimate)....1951....
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	<u>Narberth R.D.</u> <u>1950</u>	<u>Narberth R.D.</u> <u>1951</u>	<u>County of</u> <u>Pembroke</u>	<u>England</u> <u>& Wales</u>
Birth Rate (per 1,000 pop)	15.5	16.0	17.08	15.5
Death Rate (per 1,000 pop)	14.4	13.2	13.5	12.5
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000 live births)	12.6	55.9	32.2	29.6

Causes of Death

	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
Total (all causes)	68	78
Respiratory Tuberculosis	3	1
Cancer (all forms)	6	17
Diabetes	1	1
Vascular lesions of the nervous system	10	10
Coronary disease, angina	7	8
Hypertension with heart disease	-	1
Other heart disease	9	11
Other circulatory disease	1	2
Influenza	2	3
Pneumonia	-	1
Bronchitis	5	4
Other diseases of respiratory system	1	1
Gastritis, enteritis & diarrhoea	-	1
Nephritis & rephrosis	6	-
Hyperplasia of prostate	5	-
Congenital malformations	1	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	8	15
Motor vehicle accidents	2	-
All other accidents	1	1
Suicide	1	-

The death rate is rather higher than in 1950, and is higher than that for the whole of the county or for England and Wales; but it must be pointed out that 65.8% of the deaths were of persons over the age of 70 years, including 30.8% over 80 years of age.

The main causes of death were diseases of the heart and circulation (a total of 39 deaths), cancer, and vascular lesions of the nervous system.

The low infantile mortality rate is commendable, especially compared to the rather alarmingly high rate in 1950. It must be pointed out that a small variation in the actual numbers produces a great difference in the rate, because the figures in a rural area such as Narberth are small.

NOTIFICATIONS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Measles	220	Whooping Cough	27
Pneumonia	1	Acute Poliomyelitis	2

Both cases of acute Poliomyelitis were admitted to the Isolation Hospital at Tumble, where the diagnosis in one case was changed to Influenza.

TUBERCULOSIS

4 cases of Tuberculosis were notified, all of them respiratory. None of these cases were admitted to Hospital during the year, but three cases which had been notified earlier were admitted.

There were four deaths due to Respiratory Tuberculosis.

Disinfection of any rooms used by the patient is carried out on admission to hospital, and if the patient dies at home.

All family contacts of the patient are urged to attend the Chest Clinic for examination and Chest X-ray, and it is found that most contacts are glad to co-operate in this effort to obtain early diagnosis and treatment of cases.

The Mobile Unit of the Mass Radiography Service visited the County in May, and spent three days at Narberth and three days at Tenby. Some of the persons examined at Narberth came from Carmarthenshire, and quite a number were from the Urban area. But a fair percentage of the persons X-rayed at the Tenby centre were from the Narberth Rural District, and the figures for both centres are therefore given.

	<u>Grand Total</u>		<u>Male</u>		<u>Female</u>	
	<u>Narberth</u>	<u>Tenby</u>	<u>N.</u>	<u>T.</u>	<u>N.</u>	<u>T.</u>
Total No. of persons exam.	469	638	195	274	274	364
Definite Pulmonary T.B.	1	Nil	1	Nil	Nil	Nil
Needing further observation for Pulm. T.B.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Inactive Pulmonary T.B.	6	4	1	1	5	3
Healed Primary Lesions	9	7	3	3	6	4
Non-tubercular Abnormalities	14	48	17	27	7	21

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT, 1946

LOCAL HEALTH SERVICES

VACCINATION

Records were received of 55 primary vaccinations and 11 secondary vaccinations during the year. This means that approximately a third of the babies born in the area are vaccinated.

Vaccination is carried out by the patient's own doctor, who is paid by the County Council for notification to your Medical Officer of either successful vaccination or failure after the second attempt.

IMMUNISATION

This is also carried out by the local general practitioners, and paid for by the County Council on receipt of the record cards. 76 children were immunised during 1951, and 226 children were given reinforcing injections.

Although these numbers are better than those vaccinated, it means that the percentage of immunised children is decreasing. The fact that Diphtheria has been almost wiped out by the mass immunisation of children does not mean that it cannot occur again, if the level of immunisation falls, and it is therefore very important that parents should be urged to have their babies immunised before their first birthday if possible.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948

REMOVAL TO SUITABLE PREMISES OF PERSONS IN NEED OF CARE AND ATTENTION

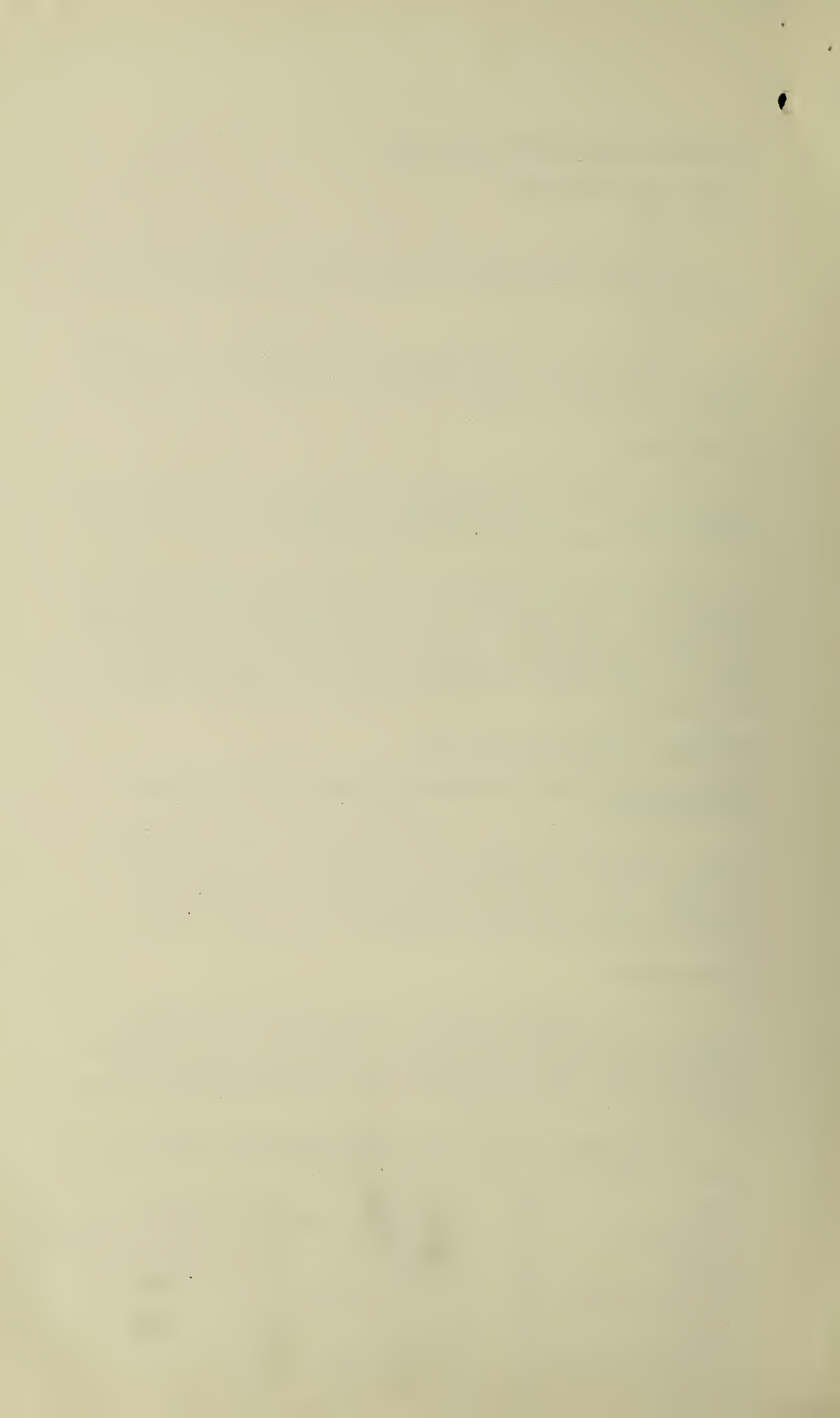
Application to the Court for renewal of an existing order requiring the removal of a person in need of care and attention to Allensbank, was made in January, April, and July 1951, and was granted on these occasions. A further application, made in October 1951, was refused, and the person concerned returned to her home.

WATER SUPPLY

The extension of mains to outlying districts has been continued during the year. Work in the New Moat and Llawhaden districts was started early in the year, and was nearing completion in December. Work in the Grondre and Bethesda area, the Llanfallteg area, and in Lampeter Velfrey was started in the autumn.

The number of houses and other properties supplied from the mains at the end of 1951 was:-

Amroth	193	Llangolman	30	Newton	2
Begelly	79	Llandissilio West	73	Reynalton	18
Bletherston	14	Llanycefn	26	Robeston Wathen	49
Crinow	25	Ludchurch	26	St. Issells	611
Crunwere	20	Llysyfran	16	Vorlan	2
East Williamston	57	Lampeter Velfrey	50		
Grondre	32	Maenclochog	69		
Jeffreyston	86	Martletwy	3		
Llanddewi Velfrey	69	Narberth South	98		
Llawhaden	25	Narberth North	97		
Loveston	4	New Moat	23		



The supply of water was satisfactory in quantity as well as quality.

Samples of water taken from main pipe supplies = 8

Satisfactory	7	Unsatisfactory	1
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The unsatisfactory sample was from a small supply now replaced by a new extension.

Samples of water taken from private wells & springs = 3

Satisfactory	2	Unsatisfactory	1
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SEWERAGE

The Templeton sewerage scheme was completed in 1951, but the conversion of houses to the water-carriage system had not been possible.

Schemes for the proper disposal of waste matter in other villages were discussed, and the scheme for Maenclochog was submitted to the Minister, and awaited a Public Enquiry.

The area which causes greatest concern is Saundersfoot, where sewerage disposal is very far from satisfactory. There are constant complaints of overflowing cesspits, and infiltration of sewage into gardens and land. The increasing number of summer visitors to this sea-side village, many of them possible carriers of water-borne diseases, aggravates the position.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

The collection of household refuse by the Council's covered vehicle has been satisfactory, and efforts have been made to extend the collection from outlying districts.

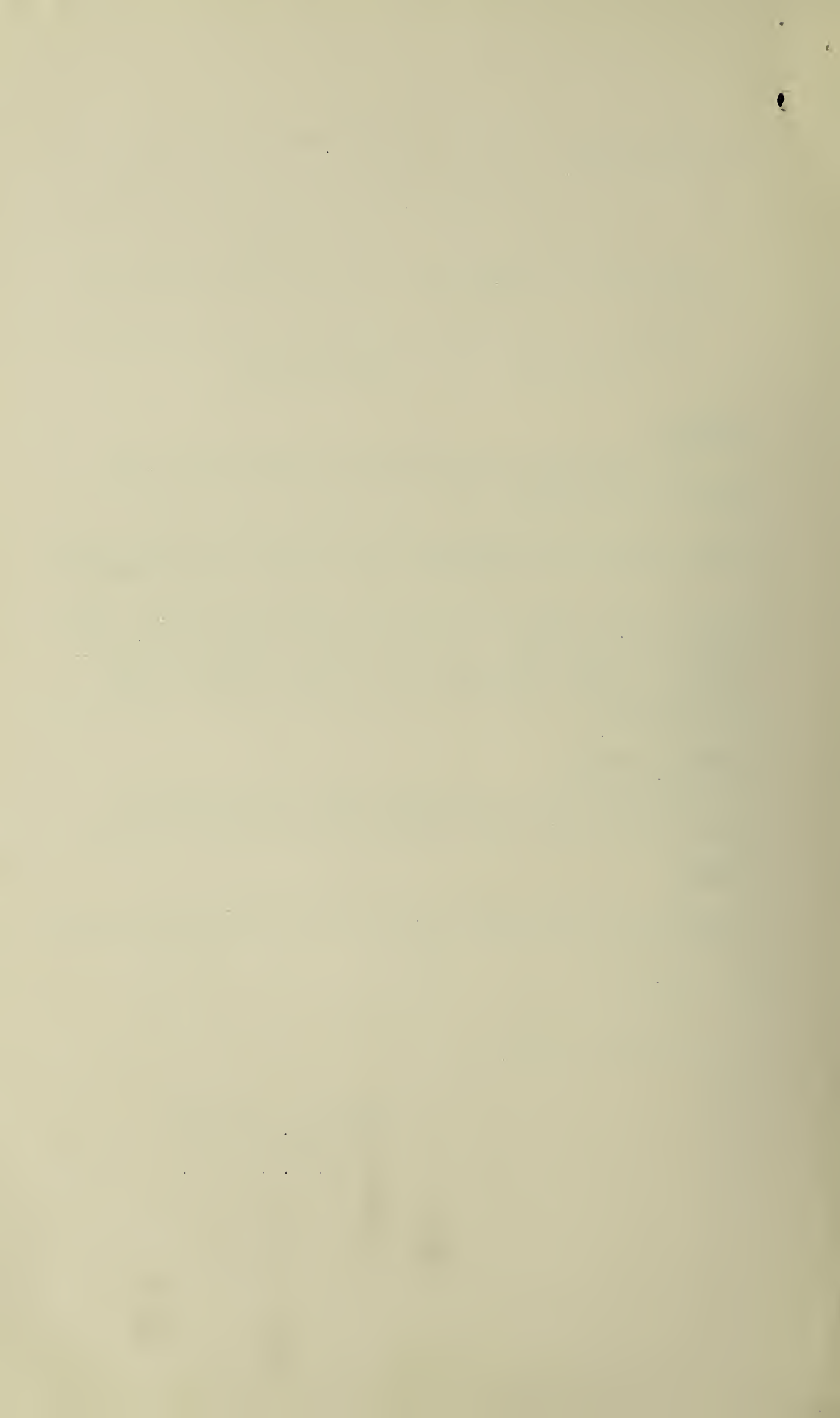
HOUSING

The Council's housing programme resulted in the completion of thirty more houses, in the following districts:-

St. Issells	2	Begelly	8	Martletwy	4
Crunwere	4	Llangolman	3	Llawhaden	6
Llanddewi Velfrey	3				

Dorothy M. Griffiths,

M.B.,B.S.,D.P.H.



ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SANITARY INSPECTOR
FOR THE YEAR 1951.

Mr. Chairman, Gentlemen,

As you will recall I was honoured with appointment as your Sanitary Inspector on the 6th September and commenced duties on the 1st November following. The report as follows, therefore, is mainly of work carried out by my predecessor, Mr. A.C. James, and he, unfortunately, was ill for some time.

Yours obedient servant,

W.J.M. Hodgkins.

Inspection of dwelling-houses during the year.

Total No. of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	90
No. of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation.	18
No. of dwelling houses found not to be in all respects fit for human habitation.	53
No. of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action.	15

Action Under Statutory Powers during Year.

Housing Act, 1936

Individual houses which were considered as being incapable of being rendered fit at reasonable expense were dealt with as follows:-

Demolition Orders made	Nil
Undertakings accepted in respect of	Nil
Closing Orders made (part of building)	1
Premises demolished in pursuance of demolition orders	Nil

Formal Notices

Housing Act (Section 9)	Nil
Public Health Acts	Nil

Overcrowding

Housing Act, 1936. Part IV

No. of dwelling houses overcrowded at end of year	30
No. of families dwelling therein	38
No. of persons dwelling therein	120
No. of new cases of overcrowding reported during year	1
No. of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	9
No. of persons concerned in such cases	38

INSPECTION OF MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

MEAT

Meat for human consumption in the District is delivered to butchers from Haverfordwest and Pembroke Dock. Visits to butcher's shops total 18.

There is a private horse slaughtering house at Lampeter Velvrey. The meat is dispatched by lorry principally to London. None is sold locally.

No. of inspections 22

Condemned Foods

Tinned Ham	202	lbs	3 $\frac{3}{4}$ ozs.
Pork Luncheon Meat	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	lbs	
1 Tinned Chicken	4	lbs	
Margarine	2	lbs	
Sultanas	2	lbs	
1 Tin Salmon			

Summary of Inspections

Dwelling houses	90
Drainage	77
Infectious diseases enquiries and disinfection	6
Tents, vans and sheds	4
Factories (including bakehouses)	49
Meat and other Food Inspection	130
Shops (including ice-cream premises)	55
Water supplies	41
Refuse disposal	21
Miscellaneous	43

Rats and Mice Destruction

One part-time operator is employed.

Number of treatments:-

Sewers	4
Refuse tips	2
Business premises	7
Dwelling houses	80
No. of rats recovered dead	180

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 & 1948.

<u>Premises</u>	<u>No. on Register</u>	<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Written Notices</u>	<u>Occupiers Prosecuted</u>
(i)Factories in which sections 1, 2,3,4 & 6 are enforced by Local Authorities.	38	6	Nil	Nil
(ii)Factories not included in (i) in which section 7 is enforced by Local Authority.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
(iii)Other premises in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
TOTAL:	38	6	Nil	Nil

